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1. Location

a. The village of Sajóbáony lies about 10 km. north-northwest of Miskolc main station, in the center of the eastern foothills of the Bükk mountains and about 3 km. to the west of the double-track railroad line Miskolc-Bánréve.

b. About 1.5 km. north of the village, on the eastern slope of the hills, stands an ammunition factory which has been under construction since 1949. The factory area is about 2 x 2 km.

c. To the southeast of the factory area runs the gravel road (no. 15) from Sajóbáony to Sajóecseg, and about half a kilometer farther to the southeast passes the newly built single-track railroad (no. 14) from Sajóbáony to the station of Sajóecseg on the Miskolc-Bánréve railroad. A good landmark is the concrete road (no. 16) running alongside an electric power line from north to south, about 1 km. to the east of the factory area. Directly to the east of the area there is a junction in the power line; from here a branch line supplies the factory with electric current.

2. Production

a. All parts of the new factory have been built. At the end of June 1953 there were still no machines in the halls, but they were expected to arrive by the fall of the same year.

b. All types of infantry ammunition are to be manufactured in the factory, but no raw material whatever had arrived by the end of June 1953.

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3. Description of the Installations

The following buildings stand in the factory area:

- a. 4 underground halls (no. 17, 18, 19, and 20). They are situated at the northwest edge of the factory area and are built into the slope of the hill (trigonometrical point 250). The halls are about 400 x 50 m. and the walls and ceilings are of reinforced concrete. The halls are subdivided into a number of rooms. The thickness of the walls is 40 cm., that of the roofs 60 cm., and the height of the rooms is about 6 m. Reading from northeast to southwest, the halls are lettered "A", "B", "C", and "D".
- b. To the southwest of the above mentioned halls and outside the actual factory area lies a forced-labor camp (no. 9), about 400 x 200 m. and surrounded with barbed wire. In the camp are about 12 wooden barracks, each about 60 x 15 m.
- c. In the southern part of the area there are two groups of buildings: 3 wooden barracks (no. 2) about 60 x 12 m., housing former POW's and internees returned from the USSR, and about 7 stone buildings (no. 4), each about 80 x 20 m., four-storied and flat-roofed. They will serve as accommodation for the free workers.

4. Power Supply

It is envisaged to supply the factory with electric current from the power station near Sajószentpéter which is still under construction. For the time being, current is taken from the main power line (no. 16) and brought by a newly built branch line (no. 11) to the transformer station (no. 10). The major installations for the power distribution network inside the factory were completed by June 1953.

5. Transport

- a. To cover the needs of the ammunition factory, a new single-track railroad (no. 14) was built along the left bank of the Bábony Creek. On the southern edge of Sajóbabony village stands the Sajóbabony railroad station, from where a single-track line leads north to the factory area. Along this line, and roughly in the center of the factory area, are two loading and unloading platforms (no. 6), each about 300 m. long. The line runs past the platforms and ends in the northernmost of the above mentioned underground halls (no. 17). In addition there are several tracks (partly still under construction) laid in the factory area which are connected to this line (no. 7).
- b. The secondary road Sajóbabony-Sajóecseg has been made into a hard-surface gravel road, from which a 6-m.-wide new gravel road branches off to the factory area about 0.3 km. east of Sajóbabony.

6. Manpower

At the time of observation the constructional tasks were carried out exclusively by forced labor. About 5,000 men came from the nearby forced-labor camp (no. 9) and about 300 men from the camp for former POW's (no. 2). Free workers, for whom the blocks of flats (no. 4) in the southeastern part of the factory area are provided, had not arrived in June 1953.

7. Security

- a. The factory area and the forced-labor camp are surrounded by barbed-wire fences about 2½-3 m. high. At the entrance to the area stands a guard house accommodating about 4-5 military guards.

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- b. The factory area is guarded by the security police (AVH).
- c. A special identity card with photograph is required for entering the area.

Key to the sketch--map of the Sajóbabony munitions factory:

- 1. Main entrance with guard house.
- 2. 3 wooden barracks.
- 3. Recreation hall for the former POW's.
- 4. 7 brick buildings.
- 5. Club and movie (about 60 x 20 m., three-storied).
- 6. 2 loading and unloading platforms.
- 7. Industrial tracks.
- 8. Gravel road inside the factory area.
- 9. Forced-labor camp.
- 10. Transformer station.
- 11. Electric power line.
- 12. Barbed-wire fence.
- 13. Area earmarked for the construction of a second ammunition factory.
- 14. New single-track railroad.
- 15. Gravel road.
- 16. Concrete road with power line running parallel to it.
- 17-20. Underground factory halls.
- 21. Double-track railroad line Miskolc-Bánréve.
- 22. Sajóecseg railroad station.
- 23. Wooded hills.
- 24. Babony Creek.

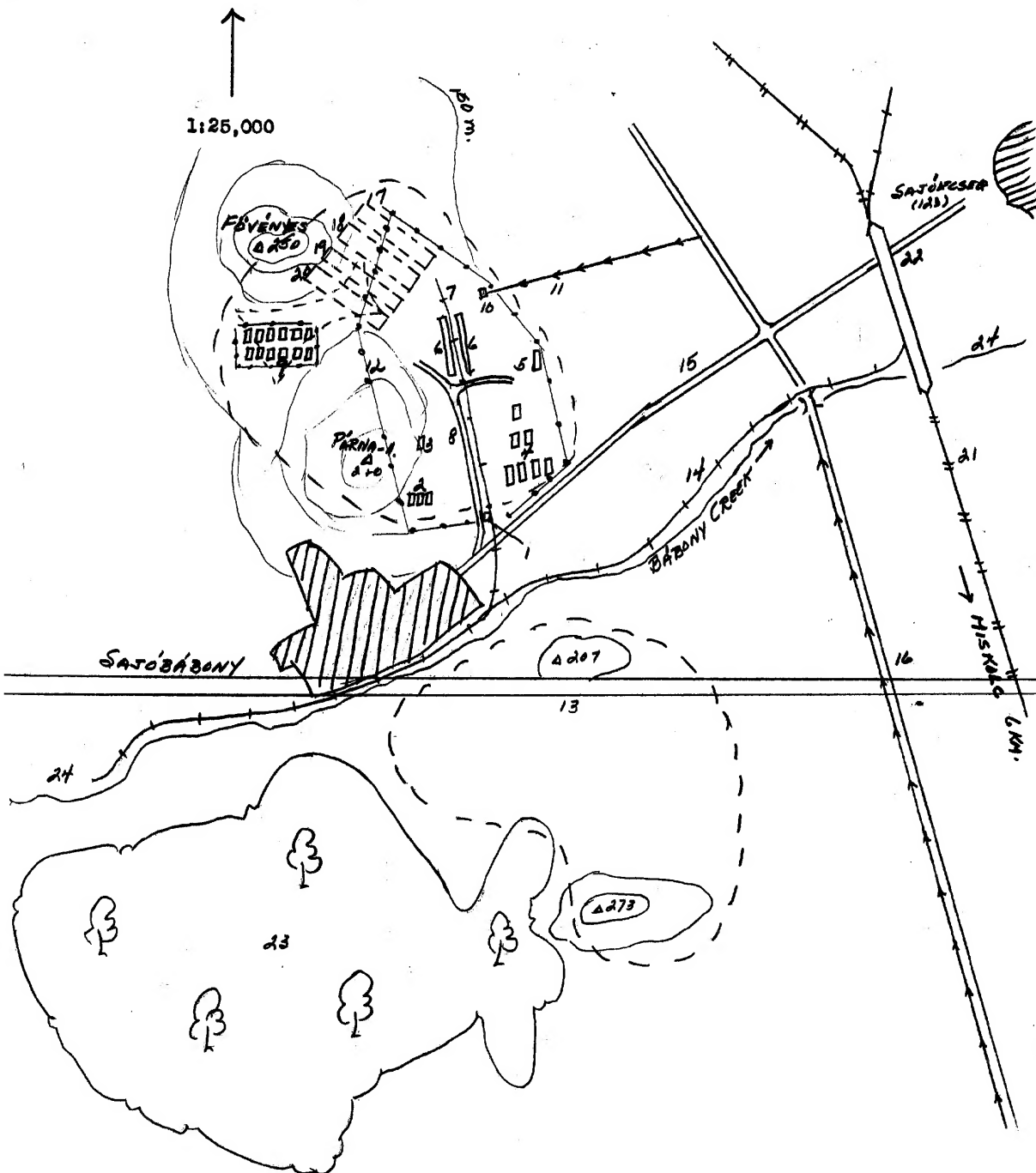
Annex: Sketch--map of the ammunition factory at Sajóbabony (1 page).

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Ammunition Factory at Sajóháony



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